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SUBJECT: MALTA - BRITISH OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. GOODISON, HEAD, FCO'S SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPT, TOLD US AUGUST 21 THAT AT COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS MEETING THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD INFORMED MINTOFF IN WRITING THAT BRITISH WERE PREPARED TO EXTEND 1 MILLION POUNDS IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA OVER UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME, PROVIDED MINTOFF WILL SERVICE EXCHEQUER LOANS. INTEREST ON LOANS HAS NOT BEEN PAID FOR TWO YEARS AND NOW TOTALS 660,000 POUNDS. GOODISON STATED THAT CURRENT BRITISH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WOULD IN NORMAL COURSE PRETTY MUCH RUN OUT NEXT YEAR. MINTOFF HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO BRITISH OFFER.

2. GOODISON COMMENTED THAT BRITISH HAD BEEN PLEASANTLY IMPRESSED BY MINTOFF'S DEPARTMENT AT OTTAWA, AND WELCOMED HIS STAND AGAINST AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND ATTEMPTS TO PUSH CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS.

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